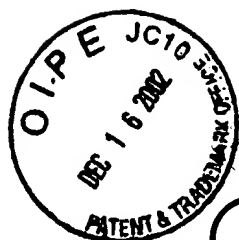


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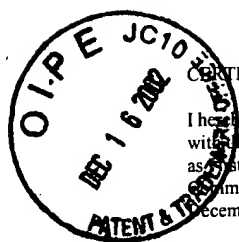
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The undersigned hereby certifies that the cited documents were brought to the Applicant's attention in a Search Report for an International application pending under the Patent Cooperation Treaty which asserts priority to U.S. Serial No. 09/924,783 ("783 application"), which Search Report was communicated on November 28, 2002, not more than three months ago.

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The Applicant respectfully petitions the Examiner to consider this Information Disclosure Statement. As the Applicant has not received a final Office action for the '783 case, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and it is believed that no fee is due. However, in the event that this paper should cross in the mail with a final Office action, the Applicant hereby petitions the Office to consider the Information Disclosure Statement. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2425 for the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i).

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